

Approved 5/3/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 19, 2017 4:33 p.m. – 4:42 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Michael Colaneri, Joe Tierney, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

Skipper opened the meeting with thanks to Richard for his hard work on the Board of Selectmen over the last 9 years and welcomed Kent to the Board.

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 3/22/17 & 4/5/17 S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & SM in favor KH abstained.*

Board Reorganization: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint S. Manter Chair of the Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

K. Healy motioned to appoint C. Mitchell Vice-Chair of the Board. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Access to Counsel: Joe said he had two cases in front of him that involved lots in common ownership and if they have merged. He said he had read the law but was not confident he understood it. He asked to consult with Counsel noting that once he knew the answer he could apply it moving forward.

K. Healy motioned to authorize access to Counsel for the Building Inspector. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Animal Control Officer Probationary Period: Jen said that she had met with Jack Collins, Town's Labor Counsel, Prudence Fisher and Tony Cordray, the Town's Animal Control Officers (ACO) to discuss their questions about on-call pay. She said as a result of that meeting Counsel had provided some information to the Board with suggestions about the Animal Control department. One suggestion that came from that meeting was to extend the probationary period for three months as allowed for in the bylaw to allow the Board to evaluate the ACO working during the busier season and to allow them to complete their training. Skipper said there were no other employees who had their probationary period extended because of when they were hired or if they had completed training. Skipper asked why any of that was discussed when the Town Administrator was only tasked with meeting to discuss the on-call pay questions. Jen said the conversation grew organically during the meeting and Jack had some insights that he shared with the Board. Skipper said the Town Administrator should have come back to the board to ask before talking about the other issues. The discussion about the recommendations from Counsel will be placed on a later agenda.

C. Mitchell motioned pursuant to Section 5-4(b) of the Town's Personnel By-law due to extenuating circumstances to extend Prudence Fisher's probationary period for one additional three month (3) period.. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.

Island Housing Trust (IHT) Ground Lease: Jen explained that the Land Disposition Agreement stated that the Ground Lease would not be signed until the funding was in place for the project and construction must begin within 60 days. IHT at this point does not have \$600k in grant funds they have applied for and may not have it before September. Skippers asked what will happen to the rental income once the mortgage is paid, does it then go to the Town? Michael said it would be used for project maintenance and upkeep.

Tisbury Great Pond Dredging: Michael said that the Edgartown Dredge Committee owns a dredge that he thought they might consider using on outside projects. He said Tisbury Great Pond is silting up and the Board should consider working with Edgartown. Kent said that the Riparian owners have the responsibility

for the upkeep of the pond. The decision is made by 3 pond Commissioners when to open the pond, he suggested Michael speak to the Owners Association at their annual meeting.

Howes House Regulations: The Board discussed a couple proposed changes to the wording to clarify the intent. They noted that the regulations were mandating a user pay for repairs when it may not always be appropriate so they suggested changing the mandate from “shall” to “may”. They also wanted clarification of hours that the building can be used. Jen will work with the Council on Aging Director and bring the regulations back for a vote next week.

Joan thanked Richard Knabel for his service to the town.